

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Well spring is here; the weather's getting warmer and the greens are getting less bumpy. April is President's Cup month. I hope everyone signs up for my tournament. I'm looking for the same outcome as last year.

People have been asking about when the new cart shed list will be made available. The Board is working on a few concerns that some members have brought to our attention. We want to be able ensure that everyone has their correct spot on the list before publishing it. That being said, we have been giving out cart sheds and that means people have been moving up on the shed waiting list. Speaking of cart sheds, the construction of the new sheds is speeding a long. We don't know a completion date yet but we are hoping by the end of August.

-Dave

From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on April 23rd. Classes are an hour each day beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a 5 consecutive day course aimed at beginner and intermediate golfers. It covers all aspects of the game: Safety, Rules, Etiquette, Swing Method, and an on course Texas scramble. The cost is 600 SAR per person.

Also, there will be a Junior Tour School Spring Break Class. This classes will commence on April 2nd. This class runs for 5 days straight from 8:00 am — 9:00 am each day. The clinic will cover the fundamentals and basics (putting, irons, chipping, and woods) of the game and swing. Only children aged 8 – 16 are permitted to take part in a Junior Clinic. The cost is 400 SAR and needs to be paid in cash to Stuart.

A Ladies only class runs each Thursday morning from 9-10 AM. All equipment is supplied and there is free coffee on arrival. It is ideal for either the beginner or intermediate golfer as it covers all the skills to get one out on the course! The cost is 90 SAR per person per class.

To register, you may contact Stuart via email at:

stuart.hurstfield@aramco.com

April 2nd — Junior Tour School
April 6th — Ladies Classes
April 23rd — Golf in a Week

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Upcoming Tournament Information

April Night Golf

On the evening of **April 13th**, RHGC will be hosting another evening social event. The April event will be a modified Texas scramble. Sign up as a team of four. There is a cost of 100 SAR per person for this event. Price includes pre-golf snack and post-round buffet dinner. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for 100 SAR per guest. Payments can be made now at the Clubhouse and close April 9th. Any team that has not paid by this date will be replaced by teams on the waiting list. Sign up is now open on ForeTees.

President's Cup

The President's Cup will be held on **April 21st and 22nd**. This is a 2-day event, day 1 used as a qualifier for day 2. *****NOTE***** Only submit an entry if you can play both days. This is not a tournament for those who

only want to play in the day 1 scramble.

Groupings will be determined by the Tournament Director. Please sign up as a two person team. If you do not have a playing partner and would like to sign up as a single, the Tournament Director will attempt to pair you with another player, but understand this is not guaranteed. Sorry, the format does not support mixed gender teams. Men or Women only teams.

Day 1 is a Two Person Scramble from tee until the ball is holed. This is similar to a Texas Scramble except with only 2 players. Men will play from the white tees and ladies from the red tees, each player needing a minimum of 7 drives. Teams will be playing with 75% handicaps. The top 50% of the field plus ties will advance to Day 2.

Day 2 is a Two Person Alternate Shot competition. A team of two players will alternate hitting the same ball from tee

until the ball is holed. Players will also alternate hitting their tee shots, one player will tee off from the odd numbered holes and the other from the even. Teams will be playing with 100% of their handicaps.

Monthly Stableford

We are having our Monthly Stableford will be on **April 29th**, 2017. Registration on ForeTees is already open for the 6:30 AM shotgun start and 12:00 PM shotgun start. Members are allowed to form their own foursome and register on ForeTees.

Shawarmas will also be available for you to purchase at lunch time so bring your cash and an appetite.

April 13th — April Night Golf Scramble
 April 21st - 22nd — The President's Cup
 April 29th — Monthly Stableford



Ask Carl

Q: I keep hearing people being called a "Sandbagger." What does this mean?

A: A sandbagger is a person who pads a handicap or acts as if he/she is at a lower skill level than he/she actually is so he/she can achieve better during competition. To try to prevent this from happening, we have a Handicap committee that reviews all unusual tournament scores.

Q: Why am I seeing a lot more roped off areas on the course?

A: The Board and the new Golf Course Superintendent want the areas around the greens to be in better shape. Carts beat down the grass making shots more difficult. Please be respectful of these areas.

If you would like Carl to answer a question, please email a Board member and they will make sure Carl gets it.

Junior Golf

Golf is a great way to bring families together and to build bonds that will last a lifetime as well as life skills. Some of them are: patience, overcoming defeat, sportsmanship, focus, humility and drive to get better. Plus, it is a sport that can be played for many years. Lessons learned on the golf course can last a lifetime. Come out and join us:

RHGC Junior Golf Invitational – April 15, 2017

Junior golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the April Junior Golf Invitational. Golfers are invited to participate in one or both of the activities. Here is the schedule for the day:

10:00am to 10:30am – Instructional session with Stuart and other club pros at the driving range.

10:30am to 11:00am – Putting Contest (on the practice putting green next to the driving range)

This contest is for fun to see who can sink the longest putt and get a long putt closest to the hole. There will be prizes for the winners.

11:00am to 1:30pm – Round of golf on the course & lunch (starting and finishing inside the Clubhouse)

Fun Division For younger and less experienced juniors that just want to have fun playing a few holes of golf on the course

Competitive Division For the older and more experienced juniors that want to test their golf skills on the course and compete for medals

**Parents are welcome to come along and watch their children play. We are also seeking volunteers to marshal the younger golfers as they play.

Who Can Play?

RHGC Club members ages 8-17 years old or those who have or are currently taking lessons from Stuart Hurstfield (RHGC Golf Pro). Members of the other Saudi Aramco Communities Golf Clubs (ABQ, RT, UDH or DH).

Location

Rolling Hills Golf Course (Meet at the putting green / playing on the front 9)

Time

10:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – see the breakdown above

Greens Fees

None - Free for all junior RHGC members!

75SR for those who are not members of the community Golf Clubs (ABQ, RT, UDH or DH)

Equipment Needed

Golf clubs, golf balls and tees. If needed, there will be a limited number of junior golf club sets available for use for free

Sign-Up

Sign up for the Golf Invitational is currently available on the ForeTees website, or via email if the player does not have a handicap

For members of the other Community Golf Clubs please have the Club Pro email Coby Long with number of players coming.

For more information or to volunteer as a marshal, please contact:

Coby Long : 054 838 0576 or email at: cobylong@gmail.com

Handicap Corner

There are two ways to enter scores in the handicap (GHIN) system.

- SINGLE ENTRY** – enter grand total score for the round, using one of the following
 - the GHIN website www.ghin.com using the “Post Scores” link
 - GHIN app on your phone
 - through Foretees with the “Post a Score” link under the “Handicaps” menu.

When a member enters their grand total score for the round, he/she MUST take into account the maximum score that can be recorded per hole, known as **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)**. The table below lists the maximum strokes per hole based on your Course handicap.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

COURSE HANDICAP	MAXIMUM NUMBER ON ANY HOLE
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

For example, if your handicap is 20-29, and have the following scores for 114, you would enter **109**.

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL
SCORE	6	8	9	5	6	5	10	5	6	60	6	4	9	4	4	5	9	7	6	54	60	114
ESC SCORE	6	8	8	5	6	5	8	5	6	57	6	4	8	4	4	5	8	7	6	52	57	109

1. HOLE-BY-HOLE IN GHIN - using eGolfer Profile in GHIN

If you enter your gross scores hole-by-hole in GHIN, this ESC adjustment is done automatically by the system.

You DO NOT have to adjust scores manually as explained above, you just enter your total gross score hole-by-hole with no adjustment and the GHIN system automatically does the ESC adjustment for you.

Setting up a eGolfer “Profile” in GHIN. You would need to “Create Profile” first before this feature can be used (your Foretees username and password will not work here). It allows you to enter hole-by-hole scores (which automatically adjusts your scores for ESC).



If you have any questions please contact Handicap Director Stephen Vezendy at rhgc.handicap.dir@gmail.com or stephen.vezendyjr@aramco.com.

Grounds & Rules

Here is a quick reference of what penalties apply to each offense. This is not to explain the rules and especially does not go into the options, when applicable, available under the rules.

Rule	Two stroke penalties (or loss of hole - max two holes)
1-2	Influencing the movement of a ball in play
1-2	Changing characteristics of ball that affect playing of the hole
4-2	Changing characteristics of a club (maximum 4 strokes)
4-4	Carry more than 14 clubs - 2 strokes for each hole played with excess clubs (maximum 4 strokes)
5-3	Changing golf ball when 1st ball is not unfit for play
6-3	Showing up no more than 5 minutes late for tee time
6-4	Having more than one caddie at the same time (maximum four strokes)
6-7	Slow play - 1 stroke or hole 1st warning, 2 strokes or 1 hole 2nd warning
7-2	Practice stroke during play of a hole (i.e. after teeing off and before holing out)
8-1	Giving or receiving advice from anyone except partner or caddie
8-2	Indicating line of play during a stroke and/or touching green surface
9-2	Giving wrong score to opponent w/o correcting it before opponent makes next stroke (match play). Stroke play is handled differently under Rule 6-6.
11-4	Playing from outside the teeing area (stroke play) but must then play within teeing ground
11-5	Playing from wrong teeing ground - same as 11-4
12-1	Removing more sand or loose impediments than necessary to identify ball (also cannot improve lie)
12-2	Failing to use a marker before lifting ball for identification or other purpose allowed under the rules
13-1	Not playing a ball as it lies except as allowed for under the rules
13-2	Improving lie, area of stance/swing or line of play
13-3	Building a stance
13-4	Grounding your club in a hazard
13-4	During address or stroke, player or club touches non-growing grass, bushes, etc. Touching growing things is allowed.
13-4	Move loose impediment in a hazard
14-1	Anchoring the club when making a stroke (e.g. long putters, etc.)
14-2	Make a stroke while getting physical help from the elements (e.g. umbrellas)
14-2	Making a stroke when partner or caddie are on or near an extension of the line of play or putt
14-3	First offense of using unusual equipment (except for medical reasons which are excluded)
14-5	Playing a moving ball
14-6	Delay stroke to allow wind or water to improve position of ball
15-2	Illegal substitution of ball
15-3	Playing the wrong ball
17-1	Moving the flagstick while a stroke is being made
17-2	Unauthorized attendance of flagstick
17-3	Putt (on green) strikes the flagstick
18-2	Failure to replace a ball moved by player/caddie/equipment
18-4	Failure to replace a ball moved by competitor/caddie/equipment
18-5	Failure to replace a ball moved by another ball
18-6	Failure to replace a ball or marker moved in measuring as long as movement is direct result of measuring
19-4	Ball striking person attending the flagstick or anything carried by him

Grounds & Rules Continued

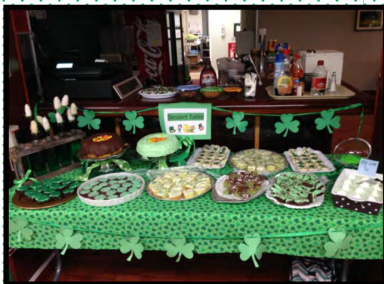
- 19-5 Ball on the putting green in motion after a stroke is deflected or stopped by a ball in play
- 20-1 Failure to mark the ball before lifting for whatever reason
- 20-5 When required to make a stroke from place where previous stroke was made and failing to do so
- 20-7 Playing from the wrong place
- 22-1 Failing to lift a ball when it might assist another player
- 22-2 Failing to have a ball lifted when it might interfere with play (similar to 22-1 except for who gets the penalty). If player asks that the ball be lifted and other player refuses, they get the penalty)
- 23-1 Moving the ball when removing a loose impediment (ball does not simply oscillate)
- 23-1 Moving a loose impediment when the ball is in motion
- 24-1 Moving an obstruction that might influence movement of the ball while it is in motion
- 24-2 Taking relief from an immovable obstruction when anything other than the obstruction makes stroke impractical
- 24-3b Failure to take correct relief for a ball lost in a movable or an immovable obstruction
- 25-1 Failure to take correct relief for a ball lost in an abnormal ground condition
- 25-2 Dropping other than spot as near as possible to where a ball was embedded (A local rule applies here also)
- 25-3 Failure to take relief when ball is on wrong putting green
- 26-1 Taking relief from a water hazard other than the three options allowed under this rule
- 26-2 Ball played from within hazard is lost, unplayable or OOB, and player elects not to replay the shot from the same place and chooses to drop outside the hazard where the last shot prior to entering the hazard was made
- 26-2 Breach of the available options identified in this rule
- 27-1 Doing anything besides taking the stroke and distance for ball OOB or lost
- 27-2 Except for water hazard, not announcing to fellow player a provisional ball will be played and making a stroke - this is simply a stroke and distance penalty in that case. Note that a stroke and distance penalty can be taken at any time without announcement.
- 27-2 Playing the provisional ball after player or partner has gone forward to search for the first ball

One stroke penalties

- 14-4 Striking the ball more than once during a stroke (e.g. double hit)
- 16-2 Overhanging ball drops into hole after more than ten seconds
- 18-2 Player, partner, caddie or equipment causing a ball at rest to move
- 18-3 Opponent, caddie, equipment causes ball to move, opponent gets the penalty
- 19-2 Ball at rest or in motion is accidentally deflected by player, partner, caddie or equipment. Play it as it lies.
- 20-2 Incorrect dropping of the ball or ball dropped by someone other than player
- 20-3 Lifted ball replaced by anyone other than the person who marked the ball, the player or his partner
- 21 Player cleans his ball when not permitted by the rules
- 24-2 Dropping a ball outside a bunker for relief from an immovable obstruction in the bunker
- 25-1 Dropping a ball outside a bunker for relief from abnormal ground conditions
- 26-2 If ball played from within water hazard comes to rest in same or other water hazard, relief may be taken from point where last stroke was taken outside the hazard
- 26-2 Ball played from within hazard is lost, unplayable or OOB
- 27-1 General stroke and distance penalty
- 27-2 Provisional ball becomes the ball in play
- 28 Failure to observe one of the three drop options for an unplayable lie

St. Paddy's Day Lights Out Night Golf Fun!

Some players were luckier than others—the “winners” got some great prizes and we enjoyed delicious homemade desserts after an amazing meal by Safwa.



The next evening golf event is Thursday, April 13th. It will be played on the lit front 9 and is limited to 12 teams. Sign up as a foursome on Foretees.

Bakers are invited to bring a dessert to share!